

January 18.

HARD CHANCE FOR LIFE

Thrilling Story of Loss of Sch. Richard Wainwright

Craft Encountered Regular Hurricane in Gulf of St. Lawrence

Newfoundland advices give the following particulars regarding the loss of sch. Richard Wainwright of this port and the loss of Henry Killigrew, one of her crew.

The Wainwright left Bay of Islands, January 9 and ran to clear Cape George and as the wind increased, the mate, Robert Keefe, and one man went on the bowsprit to furl the jib. The job being a hard one, Killigrew went to their assistance. While working out over the knighthead, he was struck by the jumbo boom and knocked overboard. He grasped the log line but the headway of the vessel dragged him under and he was forced to let go. A dory was put over, but he could not be found.

The wind increased to a gale and at 11 o'clock that night the craft was down to a double-reefed foresail and the barometer stood on 29. The wind then blew with hurricane force. All night long the gale continued, and at 1 o'clock that afternoon, a glin in the blizzard gave them a view of Cape George.

Soon after this the foresail burst for the second time and under torn canvas, Capt. Wharton headed his vessel up to make into Bay of St. George. Indian Head was sighted through the flying snow and foam, and the craft hauled up to make the southwest side of the bay, the idea being to harbor near Sandy Point light.

While the craft was thus making her way up into the way, one of the crew mistook a light in a dwelling house for the regular harbor light, and in consequence the craft was soon among the breakers in Flat Bay. She struck heavily at 7.15 o'clock in the evening, heeling in toward the shore. A very heavy sea was running and the crew could see lots of people on the beach, unable to render them any assistance.

The sea was making a clean breach over the vessel, but finally a dory was launched and into it got the crew and the skipper, eight men in all, one of the crew deciding to stay on the vessel. The dory was soon swamped alongside and all hands hung to the rigging and ropes until they righted her and bailed her out.

The dory was then relaunched, and with Mate Keefe and the steward and Michael Blanche towing a line from the vessel, succeeded in making the shore. Then the dory was hauled back and forth until all hands were safe on the beach.

Mate Keefe travelled seven miles to the Sandy Point telegraph station to send the news of the loss of the craft.

After all this all hands were sent to Port au Basque, N. F., where Consul Keating looked after their wants and needs and sent them to North Sydney, C. B., from whence they will leave for home tonight. Capt. Wharton remains at the wreck to look after what rigging, gear, etc., can be saved.

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INTERESTING FISH NOTES.

Herring Return to Labrador, Big Hauls of Codfish off New Jersey.

It is now 20 years about since the famous Labrador herring deserted the coast. Now they have returned as strangely as they departed. After years of wandering, no one knows where, the schools appeared during the past season from Grady south to Battle Harbor, and every fisherman who had a piece of a net secured some of the fish. Now that the news of the return of the herring to the Labrador coast has been spread, preparations are being made for this fishery next year and genuine Labrador herring may be expected to again become an important article of commerce.

The fishing smack Pittsburg, Capt. Jeffries, broke all codfishing records off Atlantic City, N. J., recently, by bringing in three tons of codfish after a cruise of less than three hours. Cod are running along the coast by millions and fishermen are making small fortunes, all sorts of craft being pressed into service for the chase.

Capt. Theophilus W. Brackett, Swampscott's oldest fisherman, was 87 years old on Wednesday. He is hale and hearty, and is still able to daily ply his vocation. Nearly every morning he will take his dory and push off the shore, always alone, and almost always will return with the largest amount of fish of any party.

Capt. Brackett was born in Welleet, coming from Revolutionary stock, and has resided in Swampscott for 69 years. He is married and resides in one of the most modern houses in the town. He claims to be the first to design the Swampscott dory which is now famous throughout the world.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Eastern "halibut" codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.12 1-2 for small.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Splitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$2.87 1-2; medium do., \$1.75; large Western, cod \$2.87 1-2; medium do., \$1.75; haddock, \$1.10; cusk, \$1.75; hake, \$1.40; pollock, 95 cts.

Salt headline Georges codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$5.00 for large \$3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$2.00.

Salt haddock, \$2.00.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt pollock, \$1.75.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$4.25 per bbl. Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Boston.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 3500 haddock, 5000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Harmony, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Thomas A. Crowell, 23,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 7000 cusk.

Sch. Tartar, 37,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$3.25 to \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.80 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50; cusk, \$2.

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DOGFISH LEGISLATION.

Representative Stoddard Will Introduce Resolution Today.

Asks Legislature To Favor Bill Now Before Congress.

Representative Stoddard will today introduce in the house of representatives, a resolution calling for the continuation of the consideration of the dog fish evil, which was taken up at Washington last year.

At a meeting of the Master Mariners' Association the resolve and its accompanying petition received the unanimous favorable action of the association, thus giving an endorsement from men who know of dogfish and the depredations they have done.

The resolve is as follows:

Whereas, a species of shark, commonly called dogfish, have become so numerous along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts that it is a menace directly to the fishing industry of our state and through that indirectly, to the public at large, both of state and nation:

Whereas, there is now pending before Congress, a bill which promises to bring some measure of relief from this enemy of the fisheries and particularly the establishment of new industries, based on the destruction of dogfish and other sharks and converting them into fertilizer, oil, leather and other valuable material.

Resolved, that the General Court of Massachusetts favors such legislation.

Resolved, that properly attested copies of these resolutions be sent to each of the senators and representatives of Massachusetts in Congress.

Bell Buoys Frozen.

Many of the bell buoys in Boston harbor are frozen up, making navigation quite difficult for both steamers and vessels.

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GULF BLOCKED BY ICE FLOES.

Ice Field Believed To Have Swept Down Quickly.

SCH. SALADIN MET SLOB ICE.

Three Bucksport Crafts Still at Bay of Islands.

The gasoline auxiliary schooner Saladin, Capt. George Peeples, bound home from Bay of Islands, N. F., with salt herring, arrived at North Sydney, C. B., on Wednesday, after a good passage down the gulf. Capt. Peeples reports the first ice of the season, running through about 15 miles of slob ice near St. Paul's.

A despatch from St. John's, N. F., yesterday says that the gulf is now blocked by ice.

This would indicate that the herring fleet, the last of which left Bay of Islands last Monday, got away none too soon. Mr. A. B. Alexander, who arrived here yesterday, says that all the American vessels had left the bay by Monday night excepting the three crafts belonging to Capt. Thomas M. Nicholson of Bucksport, schs. M. B. Stetson, T. M. Nicholson and Elizabeth N. On that date two of these crafts had partial cargoes of both salt and frozen herring, while the other one was empty.

If the St. John's report about the gulf being blocked with ice is correct, the three vessels above named stand a good chance of being frozen in at Bay of Islands for the winter. It was Capt. Nicholson's intention when the rest of the fleet left to remain and load all three of his crafts.

Since Monday, Newfoundland has been swept by a three days blizzard and the thermometer has gone down to 16 and 20 below. With the water in the chilled condition it was known to be and this extreme cold coming, ice would form very quickly. The whole region, from Anticosti down across the whole gulf to North Sydney, was affected by this last cold wave, so the news that the gulf is blocked with ice is readily given credence, indeed it would be surprising if it were clear of ice.

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MORE FISH FIGURES.

In Essex There Is Invested \$12,437 in Industry.

According to the last report of the census bureau, there were 73 persons in Essex engaged in the fish business with investments amounting to \$12,437. The food fish was the principal item here, \$13,422, although the clams made quite a showing with a value of \$9026.

In Ipswich there were 97 persons in the business with investments amounting to \$13,065. The returns from food fish amounted to \$7595 and from clams \$19,455. There were 900 lobsters taken at that port. In Newbury there were six people in the business, who had \$222 invested and who caught 700 pounds of eels, worth \$40 and 200 mackerel worth \$20, while the income from clams amounted \$1090.

In Rowley there were 32 persons in the business with investments amounting to \$2539. These people got 3700 frogs worth \$75; 350 barrels of herring, worth \$500. They also captured clams that brought \$11,108.

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The effort of Rep-
DOWN WITH representative Stoddart to
THE DOGFISH. have the consideration
of the question of re-
ducing the ravages of the dogfish continued
by a resolution introduced into the legislature
yesterday, will meet with general local ap-
proval and will be especially appreciated by
the fishermen. For the past few years a
warm fight has been made against the pest
with a view of effecting, so far as possible,
an extermination of this great foe to the fish-
eries, and none worked harder in behalf of
the movement than did Ex-Representative
McIntire, during his term in the legislature.

To show with what energy the battle was
waged the question reached that stage where
the state was induced to appropriate a suffi-
cient sum of money for the presentation of
carefully prepared statistics concerning the
dogfish, together with the opinion of scores
of prominent master mariners and fishermen.
Then came the effort to have the national
government extend a helping hand. Armed
with facts and figures from Massachusetts,
officials went to Washington, and with United
States Fish Commissioner Bowers a bill was
prepared providing for an appropriation of
\$25,000 to be used in making a test as to the
value of the dogfish as a commodity.

The idea was to use the money to see if
this voracious creature of the deep could not
be turned into cheap food, oil, leather, fer-
tilizer and other useful articles. The bill
reached congress, but was defeated, it was
claimed, mainly for the reason that there
was opposition against making such a large
appropriation. Thus the matter stands, but
the dogfish question is one that will not be
allowed to remain dormant for any length of
time. It is a question of vital importance to
the fishing industry, and sooner or later it
would not be surprising if some practical
plan were made operative whereby the mil-
lions of dogfish can be diminished materially
in number. The problem is considered an
important one in the Canadian provinces,
and already active steps have been taken
with the hopes of receiving the desired re-
sults. Samples of the fish have been canned,
but the success of the commodity on the
market is met with various views. The
main idea seems to be to utilize the by-pro-
ducts, and with this aim several rendering
plants have been established and are said to
be thus far successful.

In the words of Commissioner Bowers,
"find a market for dogfish and they will be
eliminated."

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TO TAKE EVIDENCE.

**Commission Coming Here from
St. John's, N. F.**

**Will Represent the Supreme
Court of Newfoundland.**

The supreme court of Newfoundland is to
be represented in this city in a few days by
a commission which is coming here for
the purpose of taking evidence concerning the
herring fishery and the manner of shipping
men for it.

A despatch from St. John's N. F., says:
"The supreme court today granted a mo-
tion to take evidence at Gloucester, Mass., by
a commission for the purpose of learning the
terms under which two west coast fishermen
shipped aboard an American herring vessel
beyond the three-mile limit. These men
have been fined for violation of the bait act.
This step will postpone for several weeks the
court's final decision on the main issue."

The two men referred to shipped on board
sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Nathaniel Green-
leaf, of this port, and who were taken from
the vessel, after they had shipped outside the
three-mile limit, with the intention of mak-
ing a test case.

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Finnan Haddies.

These fish go right to the spot when well
cooked and garnished with plenty of butter.
Stanwood & Co.'s brand are now in the
market and are justly celebrated for their
good qualities. I

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Avalon, Bay of Islands, N. F., 400
bbls. frozen herring, 70 bbls. salt herring.
Br. sch. Ulva, Green Bay, N. F., 1000
bbls. frozen herring, 150 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Constellation, Bay of Islands, N. F.,
770 bbls. salt herring.

Todays Fish Market.

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sales.

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for large and \$4.12 1-2 for small.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and
8 cts. for gray.

Splitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern
cod, \$2.87 1-2; medium do., \$1.75; large Wes-
tern, cod \$2.87 1-2; medium do., \$1.75; had-
dock, \$1.10; cusk, \$1.75; hake, \$1.40; pol-
lock, 95 cts.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$5.25 per cwt.
for large, \$4.25 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$5.00 for large
\$3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$2.00.

Salt haddock, \$2.00.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt pollock, \$1.75.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$4.25 per bbl.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Boston.

Steamer Ida, 2000 cod.

Sch. Buema, 4500 haddock, 6000 cod, 10,000
hake.

Sch. Minerva, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000
hake.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 3500 haddock, 2000
500 hake. I

Haddock, \$4.25 to \$4.75 per cwt.; large
cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$2; hake, \$2 to
\$5.

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VESSELS FROZEN IN.

**Five Caught in the Ice Floe at
Bay of Islands.**

**Three Are American and Two Are
Colonial Craft.**

A despatch from St. John's, N. F., on
Saturday states that three American and two
Colonial vessels are frozen in at Bay of Isl-
ands and will probably be held there until
spring. The three American vessels referred
to are schs. T. M. Nicholson, Elizabeth N.
and M. B. Stetson of Bucksport, Me., owned
by Capt. Thomas M. Nicholson.

Big Trip of Hake.

Capt. Frank Norris of sch. Frances Whalen
which arrived at Boston yesterday from the
eastern edge of Georges, with 50,000 pounds
of hake, 4500 pounds of haddock and 1200
pounds of cusk, said that the waters were
fairly alive with hake, and although the
weather was bad, the vessel was able to se-
cure the largest catch of this particular kind
of fish brought to T wharf for a long time.

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FANCY PRICE.

**Barrel of Fresh Spurling Sold for
\$37 for Bait.**

A barrel containing not over 2 1-2 bushel
baskets of fresh spurling, the first of the
season, sold for bait to one of the Province-
town dory fishermen. The goods were put
up at auction and brought the fancy price of
\$37 for the lot.

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BIG FLEET COMES HOME.

**Ten Herring Craft Reach
Here Since Last Report**

SOME HAD BAD WEATHER.

**Newfoundland Figures Show Sea-
son's Catch Largest on Record.**

Since the last report ten of the Newfound-
land herring fleet have arrived here, leaving
13 more of the fleet yet to come. Many of
the crafts came in Saturday afternoon, and
there was a great hustle to get through the
custom-house and pay off the crews.

The crafts which arrived were schs. Ma-
donna with 400 barrels frozen herring and
600 barrels salt herring, sch. Maxine Elliott
with a full load of frozen herring, sch. Tat-
tler with a cargo of half frozen and half salt
herring, about 500 barrels of each, sch.
Athlete with a frozen cargo and sch. Aloha
with a frozen fare also and some salt herring,
sch. Arcadia with but a few barrels of salt
herring, sch. Helen F. Whitten with a half
cargo of salt herring, sch. Blanche with half
a cargo of salt herring, sch. Ingomar with a
fare of frozen herring and Corona with part
salt herring and part frozen herring.

This leaves schs. Vigilant, Saladin, Daunt-
less, A. E. Whyland, Norma, Bohemia,
Maggie and May, J. J. Flaherty, Smuggler,
Jennie B. Hodgdon, Titania, Oregon and
Margaret to come.

The captains all report heavy weather,
especially those who left Bay of Islands a
week ago last Wednesday and encountered
the gale of that night and Thursday, in
which sch. Richard Wainwright was lost.
Capt. Fred Upshell of sch. Maxine Elliott,
who caught the full force of the gale in the
gulf, but fortunately was able to get 40 miles
off shore before it grew too bad, says the
force of the wind was terrific and that it was
easily the heaviest of the winter. The Elli-
ott drifted before it almost helplessly and
when it abated next day, she was way up
off Bonne Bay.

Many of the fleet left for home last Sunday
and Monday, and these had a good passage
except for quite a breeze last Thursday and
very cold weather at the same time. Capt.
Norman Ross of sch. Veda M. McKown
says that it was the coldest night he ever ex-
perienced on salt water and that he never
saw so much ice form on a vessel in one
night as on the night in question. The fly-
ing spray froze where it struck and about all
the fleet hove to under short sail to save icing
up too badly and becoming unmanageable.

An official Newfoundland report from Bay
of Islands shows that at the conclusion of
the herring fishery this year the total catch
amounted to 116,236 barrels, valued at \$452,-
144. Of this 65 American vessels took away
70,346 barrels, valued at \$268,596, while 43
colonial vessels gathered in 45,887 barrels,
valued at \$183,548.

These figures show that the fishery this
year was the largest in quantity and value in
the history of the west coast herring industry.

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SUNDAY CLAMMING.

**Bill Prepared Allowing Sabbath
Digging of Bivalves.**

Senator Shaw and Representative Fogg
have prepared a bill legalizing the digging of
clams on Sunday. The step is taken as the
result of the action taken by Newburyport
authorities forbidding clammers to pursue
their vocation on the Sabbath. The bill
seeks to give the local police authorities the
power to issue licenses or permits to dig
clams on Sunday for food purposes.

In defiance of the ultimatum laid down by
the police a few Newburyport men went
clamming yesterday. Their names were tak-
en and they will be summoned into court.

It is understood that the clammers expected
such action, as they are desirous of a test
case that they may find out whether or not
their business must stop on Sunday.